



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Duff *et al.*  
APPLICATION 09/247,874 EXAMINER: Schnizer, Richard A.  
NUMBER:  
FILING DATE: February 10, 1999 ART UNIT: 1635  
FOR: THERAPEUTICS AND DIAGNOSTICS BASED ON A NOVEL IL-1B  
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to respond further to their Notice of Appeal to the Board of Appeals and Interferences, filed September 26, 2003, in the above-identified application. With the extension, this Response is due on or before January 26, 2004. A check in the amount of \$210.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 24299-502. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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